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## **SECOND YEAR OF SMART GROWTH GRANTS ANNOUNCED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) has awarded 82 communities grants to assist in their land use planning and smart growth efforts. In total, nearly \$1.5 million in funding has been awarded in this round of EOEA's Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant Program.

Last year, the first in which Smart Growth grants were available, \$671,000 was awarded. Grants will assist municipalities with a wide range of projects that serve to protect natural resources and promote smart growth.

"We're pleased to be able to fund so many projects that will make a real difference in terms of protecting land and water resources and preserving community character for future generations," said EOEA Secretary Stephen Pritchard. "Smart Growth Grants represent an important partnership between local governments and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to protect natural resources by putting in place zoning that will result in smart growth."

The range of projects awarded include: development of stormwater and low impact development bylaws; open space residential subdivision bylaws; mixed-use city and town center zoning districts; inclusionary zoning bylaws; transit oriented development zoning districts; district improvement financing measures, and, right-to-farm bylaws.

Eligible parties under this program were regional planning agencies and municipalities. In some instances a single contract will benefit multiple communities. The program's selection criteria favored activities that implement recommendations from Master Plans or Community Development Plans completed pursuant to Executive Order 418, promote development consistent with the Administration's Sustainable Development Principles and Commonwealth Capital criteria, and most importantly, achieve real change in local land use practices.

While some planning activities are funded, the vast majority of these grants will result in subdivision or zoning changes, site-specific plans, or other modifications to existing development practices that will help direct where and how growth takes place.

This program represents the financial component of a larger, comprehensive package of smart growth efforts conducted by EOEa and other agencies under the auspices of the Office for Commonwealth Development. Other initiatives include:

- The Commonwealth Capital Policy provides a financial incentive to communities to implement specific smart growth-consistent land use measures.
- The Smart Growth Toolkit recently delivered to communities provides model bylaws and other materials, and the grants announced today supply the funding necessary to retain professional expertise to customize the models to suit local circumstances.

Most of these projects listed in today's awards will be completed by June 2006, and the balance by the end of December 2006. Communities, or local officials with questions on specific grants or the programs mentioned, should contact Kurt Gaertner, Director of Sustainable Development (617-626-1154 or [Kurt.Gaertner@state.ma.us](mailto:Kurt.Gaertner@state.ma.us)) or Eric Hove, Assistant Director of Sustainable Development (617-626-1131 or [Eric.Hove@state.ma.us](mailto:Eric.Hove@state.ma.us)).

Municipality	Applicant	Funds Awarded	Project
Adams	Adams	\$30,000.00	Draft new zoning for the downtown and residential districts and complete revisions to allow Open Space Residential Development by right.
Ashby	Ashby	\$4,250.00	Develop of a Low Impact Development bylaw.
Athol	Athol	\$25,500.00	A general rezoning to ensure local regulations are consistent with smart growth and local plans
Attleboro	Attleboro	\$30,000.00	Conduct traffic and mixed-use redevelopment studies
Becket	Becket	\$20,000.00	Zoning revisions and implementation of an agricultural commission and a Right-to-Farm bylaw
Berkley	Berkley	\$18,025.00	A number of new bylaws to ensure consistency with smart growth principles
Boylston	Boylston	\$28,000.00	Develop a Stormwater and Low Impact Development bylaw
Bridgewater	Bridgewater	\$30,000.00	Master Plan implementation and multiple zoning changes
Brookline	Brookline	\$30,000.00	Complete redevelopment plans for three sites in Coolidge Corner.
Becket	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	\$8,250.00	Updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan
Dalton	BRPC	\$7,350.00	Develop an Open Space and Recreation Plan
Hinsdale	BRPC	\$7,850.00	Update the Open Space and Recreation Plan
Lanesborough	BRPC	\$12,740.00	Develop an Open Space and Recreation Plan
Lenox	BRPC	\$9,000.00	Implement the Open Space and Recreation Plan

Sheffield	BRPC	\$25,000.00	Develop a bylaw adoption strategy, conduct training to build local capacity, and make water supply district zoning improvements
Burlington	Burlington	\$19,475.00	Develop a Town Center overlay district
Carver	Carver	\$30,000.00	Develop a Stormwater BMP bylaw; a Right-to-Farm bylaw; landscape standards and an enterprise account, conduct Community Preservation Act outreach; and adopt of a Transfer of Development Rights bylaw
Harwich	Cape Cod Commission	\$10,000.00	Create smart growth visualizations for downtown
Barnstable	CCC	\$10,000.00	Create smart growth visualizations for downtown
Bourne	CCC	\$10,000.00	Create smart growth visualizations for downtown
Dalton	Dalton	\$22,555.00	Develop a business park funding plan and a District Improvement Financing application, and update the industrial performance standards
Fairhaven	Fairhaven	\$18,000.00	Implement a Cluster bylaw, an Inclusionary Zoning bylaw, and a Right-to-Farm bylaw, and create Open Space and Recreation Plan maps
Charlemont	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$22,000.00	Update subdivision regulation and zoning bylaws including Village Center bylaws, Open Space Residential Development, and a Route 2 overlay district
Deerfield	FRCG	\$13,000.00	Update the Open Space and Recreation Plan
Gill	FRCG	\$12,400.00	Complete zoning revisions, including Village Center and Open Space Residential Development bylaws
Shelburne	FRCG	\$24,000.00	Update subdivision regulations and rezone the village center bylaw including a design guidelines and a Site Plan Review process
Whately	FRCG	\$13,000.00	Update the Open Space and Recreation Plan
Orange	FRCG	\$30,000.00	Village Center zoning with by-right uses, an updated Open Space and Residential Development bylaw, and a feasibility study for Putnam Hall
FRCG	FRCG	\$20,000.00	Analyze small sewage plant technologies and DEP certification thereof
FRCG	FRCG	\$19,500.00	Complete a regional industrial park study and draft a concept plan
Freetown	Freetown	\$20,000.00	Revise the General Use zone, implement Village Center districts and a draft a Cluster Development bylaw
Hamilton	Hamilton	\$24,097.50	Complete stormwater mapping, develop a Stormwater bylaw, and write Low Impact Development subdivision regulations
Littleton	Littleton	\$20,000.00	Create a Mixed-Use district; pass a Stormwater/Low Impact Development bylaw; update parking densities; and draft Board Of Health/Planning Board nitrate regulations to protect water quality
Ashland	Metropolitan Area Planning Council	\$20,000.00	Complete a land use analysis, conduct a community planning process, and propose zoning modifications for the Weston Nurseries site
Hopkinton	MAPC	\$20,000.00	Complete a land use analysis, conduct a community planning process, and propose zoning modifications for the Weston Nurseries site

Southborough	MAPC	\$20,000.00	Complete a land use analysis, conduct a community planning process, and propose zoning modifications for the Weston Nurseries site
Devens	MassDevelopment	\$30,000.00	Develop innovative residential development and Low Impact Development regulations
Medway	Medway	\$29,325.00	Implement two Mixed-Use districts and Low Impact Development regulations
Edgartown	Martha's Vineyard Commission	\$4,200.00	Develop water quality guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact and Nitrogen loading limits
Oak Bluffs	MVC	\$4,200.00	Develop water quality guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact and Nitrogen loading limits
Tisbury	MVC	\$4,200.00	Develop water quality guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact and Nitrogen loading limits
West Tisbury	MVC	\$4,200.00	Develop water quality guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact and Nitrogen loading limits
Needham	Needham	\$30,000.00	Create a comprehensive plan for a downtown mixed-use district
Oxford	Oxford	\$16,800.00	Create a watershed overlay protection district and conduct a dam evaluation
Paxton	Paxton	\$10,200.00	Implement a Stormwater bylaw and an Open Space Residential Development bylaw
Pittsfield	Pittsfield	\$25,000.00	Update the Open Space and Recreation Plan and create Stormwater BMP/Low Impact Development regulations
Chesterfield	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	\$5,298.00	Conduct a zoning review and write an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw
Cummington	PVPC	\$4,089.00	Update subdivision regulations
Middlefield	PVPC	\$4,272.00	Data collection and completion of a Master Plan
Westhampton	PVPC	\$6,430.00	Completion of a zoning review and adoption of a Cluster Subdivision bylaw, an agricultural overlay district, and a Right-to-Farm bylaw
East Longmeadow	PVPC	\$4,859.00	Pass Inclusionary Zoning and conduct outreach to implement the Community Preservation Act
Hampden	PVPC	\$7,226.00	Adoption of Right-to-Farm, Inclusionary Zoning, and Cluster bylaws
Ludlow	PVPC	\$3,480.00	Implementation of a Phase II Illicit Discharge bylaw
Blandford	PVPC	\$6,153.00	Update the cluster subdivision bylaw and conduct a study for an office park district
Chester	PVPC	\$6,697.00	Implement an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, a wind energy bylaw, and conduct a brownfields inventory
Granville	PVPC	\$7,319.00	Conduct a zoning review, modify business uses, and develop Village Center and Right-to-Farm bylaws

Montgomery	PVPC	\$9,703.00	Conduct a zoning review; develop an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, establish an agricultural commission, and implement Right-to-Farm, Cluster, and Earth Removal bylaws
Russell	PVPC	\$3,678.00	Development of a Ridgeline bylaw
Southampton	PVPC	\$4,602.00	Development of a Cluster Subdivision bylaw and a major residential development bylaw
Southwick	PVPC	\$9,529.00	Updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and developing an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, a Transfer of Development Rights bylaw, and amending the agricultural district
Hadley	PVPC	\$6,251.00	Development of Cluster and Inclusionary Zoning bylaws
Pelham	PVPC	\$9,100.00	Completion of a growth study and future land use map and modifications to the allowed uses under of current zoning
Belchertown	PVPC	\$4,036.00	Create subdivision design guidelines
Agawam	PVPC	\$7,819.00	Implement a Cluster bylaw, a Right-to-Farm bylaw, and Inclusionary Zoning
Palmer	PVPC	\$7,765.00	Implementation of a Cluster Subdivision bylaw, a Transfer of Development Rights bylaw, and a Right-to-Farm bylaw
Ware	PVPC	\$5,352.00	Creation of a Stormwater Runoff bylaw and an Illicit Discharge, Detection, and Elimination bylaw
Quincy	Quincy	\$30,000.00	Development of a downtown vision plan and design guidelines
Rochester	Rochester	\$24,800.00	Development of a Right-to-Farm bylaw, a Transfer of Development Rights bylaw, revision to the Cluster bylaw, and passage of an affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw
Rockport	Rockport	\$30,000.00	Completion of a Transit Oriented Development district study, preparation of new zoning bylaws, and a development of a design review provision.
Royalston	Royalston	\$30,000.00	Completion of a zoning review/revision, including an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw and an updated Cluster Development bylaw
Salem	Salem	\$30,000.00	Writing a water conservation plan
Somerville	Somerville	\$27,850.00	Preparation of a District Improvement Financing (DIF) application for Union Square
Springfield	Springfield	\$90,000.00	Completion of a comprehensive rezoning of the community
Swansea	Swansea	\$8,500.00	Preparation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw
Swansea	Swansea (2)	\$11,900.00	Conducting a school property re-use feasibility study
Swansea	Swansea (3)	\$30,000.00	Conducting a feasibility study for the Sears Farm property
Taunton	Taunton	\$30,000.00	Implementation of two Transit Oriented Development overlay districts

Templeton	Templeton	\$20,500.00	"Use zone" adoption; consideration of Cluster bylaw, an Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, Inclusionary Zoning bylaw, Village Center bylaw, green business zones, and a Major Residential Development bylaw
Topsfield	Topsfield	\$17,770.00	Preparation of a water conservation plan
Wareham	Wareham	\$30,000.00	Refining the Makepeace Village Center district, and implementing a Transfer of Development Rights bylaw, a Right-to-Farm bylaw, and a Transit Oriented Development district
West Brookfield	West Brookfield	\$11,400.00	Development of Open Space Residential Design and stormwater bylaws
Westminster	Westminster	\$6,500.00	Preparation of a Low Impact Development bylaw
Westport	Westport	\$30,000.00	Completion of a decentralized facilities study for the Town Center
Winchester	Winchester	\$30,000.00	Rezoning to ensure consistency with local regulations and smart growth including allowing mixed-use developments
<b>Total :</b>		<b>\$1,454,995.50</b>	

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